Title: **Reference made to the passing away of Chaudhri Nihal Singh Taxak, a member of Constitutent Assembly on 8th October, 2001.**

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House of the sad demise of one of our former colleagues, namely, Chaudhri Nihal Singh Taxak.

Chaudhri Nihal Singh Taxak was a member of Constituent Assembly from 13 July, 1947 to 15 May, 1948 representing Jind State of erstwhile Punjab States Group.

Chaudhri Taxak was a member of Representative Assembly of the then Jind Riyasat in 1934, 1937 and 1942. He served as Minister of Health and Education in 1947 in the Jind State Representative Government. He also served as the Minister of Education and Health during 1949-51 and Minister of Finance during 1951-52 in the PEPSU Government.

A veteran freedom fighter, Chaudhri Taxak fought relentlessly for promotion of national integration.

A keen educationist, Chaudhri Taxak was instrumental in establishing several schools in his State.

Chaudhri Taxak worked with dedication for uplift of rural masses.

Chaudhri Nihal Singh Taxak passed away on 8th October, 2001 at Rohtak, Haryana at the age of 90 after a brief illness.

We deeply mourn the loss of this friend and I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved family.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed soul.

11.02 hrs.

(The Members then stood in silence for a short while.)